



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4765-24-11 Firefighter I course.

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(A) A training course for a firefighter I certificate shall consist of at least one hundred sixty hours and shall include all of the following:

(1) A minimum of one hundred thirty-two hours of firefighter training that meets the general knowledge requirements, general skill requirements, and the job performance requirements specified in "NFPA 1001" for firefighter I, as set forth in the firefighter I course objectives approved by the executive director, with advice and counsel of the committee as provided in the "Firefighter I Course Packet";

(2) A minimum of twenty-four hours of hazardous materials awareness and operations level training that meets the mission-specific competencies specified in "NFPA 1072" as required by "NFPA 1001," and the objectives as set forth in the "Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Course Packet" approved by the executive director, with advice and counsel of the committee;

(3) "Courage to be Safe: Sixteen Life Safety Initiatives Course" totaling at least four hours.

(B) The "Firefighter I Course Packet," approved by the executive director, with advice and counsel of the committee, shall be used as a guide when delivering firefighter I courses.

(C) A chartered fire training program may reorganize or add to the program-specific course objectives and objective check-off sheets to align with the program's course schedule.

(1) All program-specific course objectives and objective check-off sheets shall meet all of the requirements as outlined in the firefighter I course objectives provided in the "Firefighter I Course Packet";



(2) Program-specific course objectives and objective check-off sheets shall be approved by the executive director prior to implementation;

(3) A chartered program that chooses to reorganize or add to the program-specific course objectives and objective check-off sheets shall provide a cross reference to the firefighter I course objectives provided in the "Firefighter I Course Packet" to assist with program review.

(D) A chartered fire training program shall use the firefighter I practical skills sheets approved by the executive director when conducting practical skills testing for state certification.

(E) A chartered program shall admit only those individuals who meet the following requirements into a firefighter I course:

(1) Shall be at least eighteen years of age, except as permitted in paragraphs (G) and (H) of this rule;

(2) Shall meet "NFPA 1001" chapter 1 entrance requirements;

(3) Shall demonstrate a pre-determined level of cognitive proficiency by one of the following methods:

(a) Through successful completion of a cognitive-based pre-admission assessment or test such as the ACT, SAT, Work Keys, Compass, Accuplacer, TABE, or equivalent;

(b) Through achievement of a minimum high school or college GPA as determined by the charter program to be an appropriate indicator for successful completion of the program.

(4) Shall meet all admission requirements established by the chartered program;

(F) A chartered program shall determine the appropriate level of academic or cognitive performance that it deems an appropriate indicator for successful completion of the program. At the discretion of the chartered program, applicants who do not meet the minimum cognitive assessment score or academic performance level, as required in paragraph (E) of this rule, may be granted admission to a



firefighter I course subsequent to completion of remediation.

(G) A chartered program may admit a student who is seventeen years of age into a secondary or post-secondary firefighter I course provided that the student has graduated or is enrolled in the twelfth or final grade in a secondary school program.

(H) A chartered program may admit a student into a secondary school firefighter I course who is sixteen years of age provided that the student is enrolled in the eleventh grade or twelfth grade in a secondary school public safety program. In the eleventh grade:

(1) Participation shall be limited to classroom and practical skills activities associated with firefighter I course objectives;

(2) The student is prohibited from participation in any training involving immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) environments to include any live fire training.

(I) Firefighter I course instructors shall be appointed by the program director in accordance with the following:

(1) Each instructor shall hold a current and valid firefighter I or firefighter II certificate in accordance with Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Each instructor shall hold a current and valid fire instructor or assistant fire instructor certificate in accordance with Chapter 4765-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

(J) The training requirements listed in paragraph (A) of this rule shall commence and end within a consecutive twelve-month period.

(K) Prior to being permitted to participate in live fire training evolutions, students shall meet the minimum student prerequisites to participate in live fire training evolutions in accordance with "NFPA 1403" chapter 4.